

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 23 with the following amended paragraph.

Consider, for example, a revolver **200** having a barrel **[[210]] 202** and cylinder **[[220]] 204** (see, e.g., FIGURES 5A through 7). The plug assembly **A** may be locked into place when the revolver's cylinder **[[220]] 204** is removed from its firing position (not shown). With the plug extension **24** preferably extending into the cylinder housing, the cylinder **[[220]] 204** is prevented from being returned to the firing position and therefor a chamber in the cylinder **[[220]] 204** cannot be aligned with the barrel **[[210]] 202** or firing mechanism. Alternately, the plug assembly **A** may be installed when an empty cylinder chamber is in the firing position, e.g., as shown in FIGURE 7. With the plug extension **24** preferably extending into a cylinder chamber, the cylinder **[[220]] 204** cannot therefore be removed for loading. Even if other chambers may be loaded without removing the plug assembly **A**, the cylinder **[[220]] 204** cannot be rotated to bring the loaded chamber into alignment with the barrel **[[210]] 202** and firing mechanism.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 39, line 15 with the following amended paragraph.

The adjustable barrel plug assembly **D** includes a flanged bolt-retaining plug **212** that is similar to the bolt-retaining plug **12** described above. The bolt-retaining plug **212** is attached to an expansion tube **214**, which is similar to the expansion tube **14** described above. The expansion tube **214** attaches to a threaded rear compression base **216**, which is similar to the threaded rear compression tube **16** described above. A bolt **210** (FIGURE 9C) is selectively received inside the bolt retaining plug **212**, the expansion tube **214** and the rear compression base **216** to draw the rear compression base and the plug **212** towards one another similar to bolt **10**, which is described above.